

PUBLIC WORKS – WATERSHED PROGRAM

DESCRIPTION

The Department of Public Works developed and implemented an innovative program in FY03 to address stormwater quality requirements and provide an effective alternative to the typical Best Management Practices. This program allowed some development projects to contribute to an environmental fund in lieu of constructing onsite BMPs. The environmental fund was then used by the Department of Public Works to restore streams and otherwise improve water quality throughout the county. This innovative program was phased out (over the last ten years) due to changes that occurred to the state’s Stormwater Management Act and Regulations in 2014.

While funds can no longer be generated within the Environmental Fund, existing funds are used to conduct projects along streams, improving water quality. These projects include stream restoration, stream bank stabilization, streamside buffer establishment, and stream obstruction removal to restore streams and otherwise improve water quality throughout the county.

OBJECTIVES

- Restore streams and otherwise improve water quality to achieve the mandated levels of water quality benefit as a typical on-site BMP approach.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The budget of \$847,000 will not exceed existing revenues. The Department plans to conduct individual projects through Requests for Proposal and Professional Service Agreements.

FISCAL YEAR 2025 SUMMARY

Description	FY23	FY24	FY25	Change
	Actual	Original	Approved	24 to 25
Personnel	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%
Operation	0	847,000	847,000	0.0%
Capital	0	0	0	0.0%
Total	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 847,000</u>	<u>\$ 847,000</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Personnel Complement	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A